

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

The claims have not been amended and remain as follows:

1. (Original) An interlabial absorbent article configured for disposition primarily within the vestibule of a female wearer, comprising:
  - a generally liquid permeable cover sheet;
  - a generally liquid impermeable back sheet;
  - an absorbent material disposed between said cover sheet and said back sheet;
  - wherein said back sheet has a water vapor transmission rate that is at least about 20% of a water vapor transmission rate of said cover sheet;
  - wherein said cover sheet and said back sheet have a contact angle mismatch of less than about 25%; and
  - wherein upon being flushed, said article has an initial neutral buoyancy and subsequently sinks within about 7 days from being flushed.
2. (Original) The interlabial absorbent article as in claim 1, wherein said cover sheet has a water vapor transmission rate of at least about 30,000 Mocon value.
3. (Original) The interlabial absorbent article as in claim 2, wherein said cover sheet comprises a spunlace laminate material of rayon and film.
4. (Withdrawn) The interlabial absorbent article as in claim 2, wherein cover sheet comprises a bonded carded web material having water vapor transmission rate of greater than about 50,000 Mocon value.
5. (Original) The interlabial absorbent article as in claim 1, wherein said back sheet comprises a HBSTL material having a water vapor transmission rate of at least about 10,000 Mocon value.

6. (Original) The interlabial absorbent article as in claim 1, wherein said cover sheet has a water vapor transmission rate of about 40,000 Mocon value and said back sheet has a water vapor transmission rate of about 10,000 Mocon value.

7. (Withdrawn) The interlabial absorbent article as in claim 1, wherein said cover sheet has a water vapor transmission rate of about 50,000 Mocon value and said back sheet has a water vapor transmission rate of about 10,000 Mocon value.

8. (Original) The interlabial absorbent article as in claim 1, wherein said absorbent material has a dry density of at least about 1.0 g/cc.

9. (Original) The interlabial absorbent article as in claim 1, wherein said absorbent material has wet density of at least about 1.0 g/cc.

10. (Original) The interlabial absorbent material as in claim 1, wherein said cover sheet is adhered to said back sheet with an adhesive around a circumference of said article, and wherein said article does not separate into individual components for at least about 7 days after being flushed.

11. (Original) The interlabial absorbent article as in claim 1, wherein said absorbent material comprises a cotton/rayon blend.

12. (Original) An interlabial absorbent article configured for disposition primarily within the vestibule of a female wearer, comprising:

a generally liquid permeable cover sheet having a water vapor transmission rate of at least about 30,000 Mocon value;

a generally liquid impermeable back sheet having a water vapor transmission rate of at least about 10,000 Mocon value;

an absorbent material disposed between said cover sheet and said back sheet,  
said absorbent material having a density greater than 1.0 g/cc;

wherein said water vapor transmission rate of said back sheet is at least about  
20% of said water vapor transmission rate of said cover sheet; and

wherein upon being flushed, said article has an initial neutral buoyancy and  
subsequently sinks within about 7 days from being flushed.

13. (Original) The interlabial absorbent article as in claim 12, wherein said  
cover sheet and said back sheet have a contact angle mismatch of less than about  
25%.

14. (Original) An interlabial absorbent article configured for disposition  
primarily within the vestibule of a female wearer, comprising:

a generally liquid permeable cover sheet;

a generally liquid impermeable back sheet;

an absorbent material disposed between said cover sheet and said back sheet;

wherein said back sheet has a water vapor transmission rate that is at least  
about 20% of a water vapor transmission rate of said cover sheet; and

wherein said absorbent material has a dry density of at least about 1.0 g/cc.

15. (Original) The interlabial absorbent article as in claim 14, wherein said  
cover sheet and said back sheet have a contact angle mismatch of less than about  
25%.

16. (Original) The interlabial absorbent article as in claim 14, wherein said  
article has an initial neutral buoyancy such that said article sinks within about 7 days  
from being flushed.